

CON TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER

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Team Name: Certificate of Need (CON) Technical Advisory Committee	Facilitator: Gary Fugere
Process Title: CON Program recommendations	
Charge Statement(s):	
<p>The members of CON Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) shall conduct research, study, stakeholder, review, and prepare recommendations to move forward to the CON Task Force for consideration. Serve as a resource to Task Force, providing information and technical expertise for project initiatives. Recommendations are related to improving and updating the Certificate of Need Program for Washington State as described in Chapter 70.38 RCW, developing strategies that will: promote the improvement of the quality/outcomes of health care delivered in the state; control the cost of health care delivered in the state; and monitor the outcomes from/as a result of a revised state health planning development process.</p>	
Planned Completion Dates:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) Draft recommendations approved by CON Task Force: September 29, 2006(2) Draft recommendations to Governor's Office: October 10, 2006(3) Draft recommendations to Legislative Committees: October 17, 2006(4) Final recommendations to Governor & Legislature: November 1, 2006	
Outcomes:	
<p>At a minimum, develop recommendations related to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The need for a new and regularly updated set of service and facility specific policies that guide Certificate of Need decisions.2. A review of the purpose and goals of the current Certificate of Need Program, including the relationship between the supply of health services and health care outcomes and expenditures in Washington State.3. The scope of facilities, services, and capital expenditures that should be subject to Certificate of Need review.4. The criteria for review of Certificate of Need applications, as currently defined in RCW 70.38.115, with the goal of having criteria that are consistent, clear, technically sound, and reflect state law.5. The timeliness and consistency of Certificate of Need reviews and decisions, the sufficiency and use of resources available to the Department of Health to conduct timely reviews, the means by which the Department of Health projects future need for services, the ability to reflect differences among communities and approaches to providing services, and clarification on use of the concurrent review process. (being addressed via JLARC Report)6. Identify mechanisms to monitor ongoing compliance with the assumptions made by facilities that have received either a Certificate of Need or an exemption to a Certificate of Need, including those related to volume, the provision of charity care, and access to health services to Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries as well as underinsured and uninsured members of the community.	
General Approach:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Remain open-minded, focusing on 'quality, cost, and access'▪ Determine business need, valued added, and service to customers▪ Research and use best practices for all aspects of this endeavor▪ Facilitated discussions between Technical Advisory Committee members, via consensus decision-making efforts▪ Maximize electronic and telephone communications▪ Technical Advisory Committee members working in partnership with Task Force to complete the charter outcomes within identified timeframes	



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